

I am writing to express my concern about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election. In order for a democracy to work, citizens must have access to the facts, presented in as objective a format as possible. If Sinclair is intent upon airing "Stolen Honor", they should be required to give equal time to programming with a pro-Kerry slant, such as "Going Upriver".

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. If the media are permitted to be partisan or otherwise biased, airing propaganda as news, we run the risk of subverting our democracy, a system which makes our country great and for which we have justified going to war in other parts of the world.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.